

## HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Mindy Calvert  
SPORT: Women's Tennis  
CLASS: Senior  
DATE: September 18, 2006

Mindy Calvert (Warren/Warren) has been named the Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week.

Calvert posted a 4-0 mark in doubles and 3-0 record in singles play last week as the Behrend Lions moved to 8-0 on the season and 2-0 in the AMCC. The blue and white defeated Fredonia, Chatham, Waynesburg and Bethany after winning the Behrend Invitational the week before.

Next up for Behrend will be matches against Fredonia and Westminster this week. Then Behrend has a pair of key conference matches against Penn State Altoona on Saturday and Sunday.

Housing and Food Service Athlete of the Week is selected by the Sports Information Staff.

## Playoff Race

By Jordan Gilmore  
copy editor

The cool breeze that blows these days is a sign to baseball fans everywhere that the heat of playoff races is at its maximum. With just over a week left in the regular season, teams are fighting for the right to play into October.

Currently, only two teams have clinched their division and a playoff spot. The Mets became the first team into the playoffs by winning the National League East on Sunday. The Yankees won their ninth straight American League East title on Tuesday.

That leaves six spots available, just three in each league. With a six and a half game lead going into Thursday's action, the Athletics had all but wrapped up the A.L. West. The Cardinals shared a similar position in the N.L. Central with a seven game lead over the Reds. Barring a major breakdown by either the Cardinals or A's, these divisions appear to be set.

Arguably the most up and down division all year has been the N.L. West. The Padres held a razor thin half game lead over the Dodgers on Thursday. The Dodgers have been on a roller coaster ride of winning and losing streaks, sending the team above and below the .500 mark all season. The Padres stumbled after the All-Star break, erasing the gains they had achieved in May and June, only to heat up again in September. The Dodgers have the advantage of schedule going into the last week with all of their remaining games against sub-.500 teams. The Padres play three of their last ten games against the Cardinals.

The Phillies are twelve games above .500 for August and September and find themselves playing for the N.L. Wild Card after a dismal first half of the season. They are tied with the Dodgers for the last spot in the N.L. playoffs, but have to play the young but talented Florida Marlins in six of their remaining ten games. This will make it harder for the Phillies to win the Wild Card, and almost guarantee the second place finisher in the West a spot in the playoffs.

On the American League side the remaining two spots are all but sewn up for the Central division. With only ten games left to play, the Twins have a commanding five and a half game lead over Central division rival White Sox, and eight and a half games over the third place Angels virtually guaranteeing the Wild Card will go to the second place team in the A.L. Central.

The real question is who will finish in first place in the Central. Anyone who said in April that the Tigers would be in first place with only ten games remaining would have been derided as delusion or stupid. The Tigers, however, have been in first place since May 21, and, with a huge win in their last series over the White Sox, have all but clinched a post-season berth. The Twins stumbled in April, but have been hot ever since and now trail the Tigers by just half a game. Both teams have been successful due to strong pitching. Heading into the last week of the season the Tigers have an easier schedule, but a lack of offensive performance will send this race down to the wire.

## Behrend Soccer Tourney

By Nick Underhill  
assistant sports editor

Thomas Moore was the spoiler for both the men's and women's soccer teams during the Herb Lauffer tournament, as both squads split a pair of games.

The men's team opened up the tournament against Thomas Moore, who captured an early lead with a goal from John Wallace. The Lions fought back to tie the game up 1-1 when Adam Cline found the net on a Dave Balleno corner kick. The game remained netted up until the final minutes of the second half when the Saint's scored the decisive goal.

Their second game came on Sunday against Westminster, who scored in the opening minutes to go up 1-0. The game remained scoreless until Ahmad Salim evened it up in the sixtieth minute on a penalty kick. The game remained knotted up through two overtimes, leaving Behrend with a record of 0-1-1.

Coach Dan Parritano was rather pleased with his teams performance despite the fact that they failed to pick up a win. "We played good enough to win both games, and I thought we did particularly well on Sunday. We just need to work on putting the ball in the net."

The women opened the weekend against Westminster in a two overtime thriller. The game remained scoreless through regulation and the first overtime period. With just one minute and fifteen seconds remaining in the final overtime period Nikki Frisbee scored the game-winning goal. The other hero of the match was freshman goalie Kayla Frost who recorded five saves and the shutout.

"It was a good win; they were a decent team and were regionally ranked," stated Coach Patrick O'Driscoll. "To win a game in overtime like that is huge for a team."

The Lady Lions were hoping to carry their momentum over to Sunday's game, but Thomas Moore had a different agenda. Nearly six minutes into the match Kari Poling put the Saint's ahead, and they would never look back from there. Poling struck again before the half to pull ahead 2-0. Behrend's lone goal came off a volley by Beth Manganaro. Thomas More would add another goal to win the game 3-1.

"I thought that Thomas Moore was weaker than Westminster. I was a little disappointed with the outcome, but we played a man down, so it was a hard loss," O'Driscoll explained.

The ladies soccer team will begin a string of confer-



Sean Ruhlman gets a key header against Westminster.

ence games starting next week, against Mt. Aloysius on Sept. 23. Last season the ladies went undefeated in the AMCC and hope to recapture that glory this season. "You can't look past any opponents, but we are looking to win the conference again," said O'Driscoll. "Some of the team's have really improved, so obviously it will be hard to win them all again, but if you get to host the conference tournament that is a really big advantage because you don't have to travel then."

To do this O'Driscoll feels that his team needs to work on their offensive attack. "We are really strong defensively, but we haven't clicked on the offensive side of the ball. So, we need to work on that during our conference games. Once we get that down I think we'll be okay."

Westminster was awarded the men's championship after beating La Roche and finishing up 1-0-1. Andrew Saporito of Westminster was selected as the men's tournament MVP. Calvin College finished the tournament 2-0 on the women's side which was good enough to capture the title.

## Killing the competition

By Danielle Brown  
staff writer

The Penn State Behrend women's volleyball team remains undefeated after winning the Westminster

Tournament last weekend. The tournament started on Friday night with the lady Lions playing Pitt-Greensburg. The Lady Lions achieved a victory in only three games with scores of 30-18, 30-21, and 30-23.

The Behrend ladies started off their Saturday by defeating Lake Erie in just three games once again (30-17, 30-20, 30-14). The team knew their next victory would not be as easily achieved. They had to go up against Grove City, a team that usually gives them problems. This weekend however, the Ladies pulled it off without any trouble. The Lions completed the match after winning the first three games 30-26, 30-26, and 30-23.

After the team won their first three matches, they had to go up against Westminster in the finals. The team knew this would be a tough match because Westminster won a tournament the week before. The first game of the match went to Westminster with a score of 27-30, but this did not stop the Lady Lions. The

Behrend women won the next three games 30-26, 30-23, and 30-21, reaching their goal of becoming the tournament champions. Paige Payer, an outside hitter for the team, said that the Westminster Tournament was very important because six of the teams at the tournament were teams they

would have to see again on the court this season. "Winning the tournament helped us show the other teams what we're made of, and gave us more motivation to continue to work hard throughout the season," Payer said

Senior captain Lisa Wagner was named AMCC (Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference) volleyball player of the week on September 18, after her performance in the Westminster Tournament. She had 36 kills, 44 digs, and 10 service aces during the four matches. She also got her 1,000th kill during this tournament.

On Tuesday, September 19, the Lady Lions had another match against Buffalo State. They won in three games with scores of 30-16, 30-23, and 30-18.

The Lady Lions will be back in action Saturday, September 23, on the Behrend campus. Their two home matches will be played at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. against La Roche and Daemen. The 10-0 Lady Lions hope to continue their winning streak, taking each match one game at a time, and hoping for the best.

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